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1. MISOFF RECENTLY REVIEWED SUBJECT REPATRIATION ACTIVITIES
WITH CHIEF UNHCR SUB-CONTINENT UNIT HOMAN-HERIMBERG.
DURING DISCUSSION HE REVEALED FOLLOWING SPECIFIC DETAILS:

A. REPATRIATION THROUGH FEBRUARY 20

98,342 BENGALLEES FROM PAKISTAN TO BANGLADESH

51,021 NON-BENGALLEES FROM BANGLADESH TO PAKISTAN

63,529 PAKISTAN POW'S AND CIVILIANS FROM INDIA TO PAKISTAN

8,974 PAKISTANIS FROM NEPAL TO PAKISTAN

221,866 TOTAL

B. REMAINING REPATRIATIONS

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 35,000 - 40,000 PERSONS REMAINING
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TO BE REPATRIATED FROM BANGLADESH TO PAKISTAN AND APPROXIMATELY

30,000 PERSONS FROM PAKISTAN TO BANGLADESH. AS REPORTED REFTEL,
13,797 REPATRIATION CLEARANCES GIVEN BY PAKISTAN
AUTHORITIES FEBRUARY 6.

UNHCR MAXIMUM TRANSPORT CAPACITY IS ABOUT 700 PERSONS EACH WAY
DAILY. AT THAT RATE, ABOUT 60 DAYS REQUIRED TO MOVE REMAINING
AUTHORIZED REPATRIATES UNLESS SNAGS DEVELOP IN REPATRIATION
OF HARDSHIP CASES, IN WHICH EVENT PROGRAM WOULD CONTINUE
BEYOND MID-APRIL.

C. HARDSHIP CASES

NO HARDSHIP CASES MOVED YET BUT UNHCR BELIEVES ORIGINAL
ESTIMATES OF THEIR NUMBERS WERE MUCH TOO LOW. ICRC HAS
REGISTERED 800 NON-BENGALEE COLLABORATOR CASES (ABOUT 5,000
PERSONS) AND MAY REGISTER UP TO 2,000 SUCH CASES (ABOUT 12,000
PERSONS). IF PAKISTAN ACCEPTS THEM, THEN ONE HALF OF
HARDSHIP QUOTA WOULD BE FILLED. A SECOND GROUP OF HARDSHIP CASES
ARE PARAMILITARY FORCES IN EAST PAKISTAN NUMBERING ABOUT 17,000
PERSONS. PERHAPS SOME OF THESE ARE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE TAKEN
UNDER FIRST THREE CATEGORIES OF DELHI AGREEMENT BUT ICRC BELIEVES
A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER WOULD NOT SO QUALIFY BUT WOULD BE
ACCEPTED UNDER FOURTH CATEGORY. 800 HARDSHIP CASES HAVE BEEN
SUBMITTED BY ICRC TO BOTH PAKISTAN AND BD GOVTS BUT NO REPLY
YET RECEIVED.

D. FINANCES

BELOW IS LIST OF PLEDGES RECEIVED BY UNHCR FOR OPERATION
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1974, EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS:

COUNTRY	AMOUNT
AUSTRALIA	500,000
BOTSWANA	5,006
CANADA	1,000,000
DENMARK	700,000
GERMANY, FED.REP.	186,567#
HOLY SEE	30,000
IRAQ	9,953
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JAPAN	1,000,000
LIECHTENSTEIN	3,236
LUXEMBOURG	13,269
NETHERLANDS	400,000
NEW ZEALND	200,000
NORWAY	555,000#
PHILIPPINES	5,000
RWANDA	1,000

SWEDEN	661,000
SWITZERLAND	15,625
TURKEY	10,000
UGANDA	2,898
U.S.A.	3,150,000

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL 8,448,554

#ACTUAL VALUE OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE \$40,000 LESS AS
PLEDGES MADE IN NATIONAL C RRENCIES.

IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, VALUE OF U.K. AIRLIFT IS ESTIMATED AT
\$1,500,000. VALUE OF EAST GERMAN AND SOVIET AIRLIFT PLUS SOVIET
SEALIFT NOT YET COMPUTED BUT EXPECTED BE ABOUT \$500,000. UNHCR
HAS GIVEN ICRC GRANT OF \$200,000 FROM CONTRIBUTIONS UNHCR HAS
RECEIVED AND IS NOW CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL GRANT OF \$1,000,000 -
\$2,000,000 TO ICRC FOR ITS OPERATIONS ON SUB-CONTINENT.

E. STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

UNHCR OFFICER STAFF IN FIELD NOW NUMBERS TWO IN KARACHI AND
TWO IN DACCA PLUS ONE ROVING REP DIVIDING TIME BETWEEN TWO
COUNTRIES. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS EXPECTED TOTAL \$300,000 -
\$350,000.

F. COOPERATION. UNHCR GETTING GOOD COOPERATION FROM ICRC
AND "OUTSTANDING" ASSISTANCE FROM ICEM IN TRANSPORT FIELD. ICEM'S
ADVICE AND HELP IN NEGOTIATING CONTRACTS WITH CARRIERS HAS SAVED
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDS.DALE

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